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## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06/19/07
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's amendment filed on June 08, 2007 has been entered. No claims have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-18 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 7, and 13 being independent.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Malik (US 6,324,269).

4. In regards to claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 18, Malik discloses a method and system for establishing a call from a first device (See Fig. 2 and calling party/subscriber office telephone 204a) to a second device (See Fig. 2 and called party's telephone 204b) comprising: receiving a call placed by a user (e.g., subscriber) from the first device; receiving from the first device information (i.e., the telephone number of the called party) regarding the second device; receiving from the first device information (e.g. special ALDB service access number, subscriber's home number, and password, [which are requested by SCN 56]) useful for associating the user with a third device (See Fig. 2 and home telephone 264c) (See col. 6 lines 55-66); transferring the call to a first switch

(See Fig. 2 and service switching point (SSP) 220c) associated with the third device; forwarding the call from the first switch to a second switch (See Fig. 2 and SSP 220b) using the information received from the first device, the second switch being associated with the second device; and completing the call from the second switch to the second device (See col. 1 lines 57-66 and col. 6 lines 35-54).

5. In regards to claims 2, 8, and 14, Malik discloses the method and system, wherein receiving from the first device information regarding the second device comprises: sending a prompt to the first device such that the first device provides the user with audible instructions; and receiving speech information from the user regarding the second device (See col. 2 lines 54-64, col. 3 lines 3-11, and col. 9 lines 26-34).

6. In regards to claims 3 and 15, Malik discloses the method and system, wherein receiving from the first device information regarding the second device comprises: receiving information from the user via speech regarding contact stored in a user's address book (i.e., destination list); and retrieving from the address book information specifying the second device using the contact information; wherein transferring the call from the first switch to the second switch includes using the record device information retrieved from the address book (See col. 2 lines 48-64 and col. 9 lines 35-58).

7. In regards to claims 4 and 16, Malik discloses the method and system, wherein receiving from the first device information regarding the second device comprises: receiving from the user a command to search an address book for a contact; receiving search criteria from the user; retrieving contact information from the address book using the search criteria; sending to the first device the retrieved contact information; receiving

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from the first device selection information specifying at least one contact; and wherein transferring the call from the first switch to the second switch, includes using information retrieved from the address book regarding the at least one specified contact (See col. 2 lines 48-64 and col. 9 lines 35-58).

8. In regards to claims 5, 11, and 17, Malik discloses the method and system, wherein receiving search criteria (e.g., the destination number) comprises receiving speech information from the user (See col. 2 lines 54-64, col. 3 lines 3-11, and col. 9 lines 26-34).

9. In regards to claims 9 and 10, Malik discloses the system, further comprising a storage device (i.e., SCP database) storing an address book (i.e., destination list) for the user; and a set of one or more processors for accessing the address book; wherein the set of processors for receiving information from the first device is capable of receiving speech information from the user regarding a contact stored in the user's address book and sending a query to the set of processors for accessing the address book regarding the received information; and wherein the set of processors for accessing the address book, in response to the query, are capable of retrieving from the address book information specifying the second device; and wherein the third switch transfers the call to the second switch using the second device information (See col. 2 lines 48-64 and col. 9 lines 35-58).

***Response to Arguments***

10. Applicant's arguments filed 06/08/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

11. Applicant's argue that Malik does not disclose "receiving from the first device information useful for associating the user with a third device". Applicant's further state that nothing in Malik discloses any information "useful for associating the user with" home telephone 264c being received from the office telephone 204a.

12. In response to Applicants' argument that Malik does not disclose receiving from the first device information useful for associating the user with a third device and that nothing in Malik discloses any information useful for associating the user with home telephone 264c being received from the office telephone 204a, Examiner respectfully disagrees. Malik does disclose receiving from the first device (See Fig. 2 and calling party/subscriber office telephone 204a, via the touch tone keypad found on telephone 204a) information (e.g. special ALDB service access number, subscriber's home number, and password, [which are requested by SCN 56]) useful for associating the user (e.g., subscriber) with a third device (See Fig. 2 and home telephone 264c) (See col. 6 lines 35-66). Therefore, the special ALDB service access number, subscriber's home number, and password are information useful for associating the user (e.g., subscriber) with home telephone 264c being received from the office telephone 204a (via the touch tone keypad found on telephone 204a).

***Conclusion***

13. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

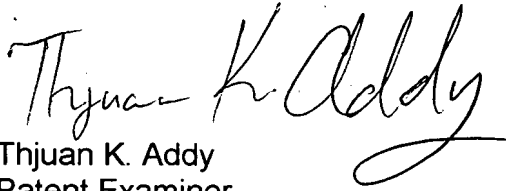
14. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan K. Addy whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

16. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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